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RE: Serial No. 09/992,860  
Applicant: Chen et al.  
Filed: November 14, 2001  
For: Black Tea Extract for Prevention of Disease  
Docket No. RU-0173

Dear Sir:

Enclosed are the following for filing in connection with the above-referenced application:

1. Response to Restriction/Election Requirement;
2. A self-addressed stamped postcard, return of which is requested to acknowledge receipt of the enclosed documents.

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Respectfully submitted,

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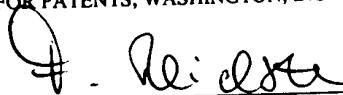
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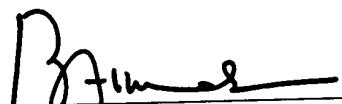
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the July 15, 2002 Office Action (Paper No. 6) from the Patent Office in which the Examiner has imposed a requirement to restrict to one of the three groups of claims as set forth on page 2 of the Office Action for further examination of the above application.

Applicant elects to prosecute Group III claims (claims 4-5) with species in Group F (orange peel extract) without traverse.

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